

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Those present were: Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; Gary Brandt, Monitor Township Supervisor; Susan Richardson, MDOT Planning; John Gaydos, City of Bay City; Dale Majerczyk, City of Essexville; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Roy DeLorge, Kawkawlin Township Supervisor; Sue Fortune, ECMP&DR; Mike Niederquell, Wade Trim; and; Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff.

Approval of Minutes:

There were some minor changes/corrections required in the August 15, 2007 minutes. On page 2 under **Road Commission Safety Grant Award**, the project should read "Seven Mile Rd over Bradford Creek Project". On page 2 under **Asset Management PASER Ratings**, in line , a space is missing between management funding. Also on page 2 under **BCATS Non-Motorized Plan**, on line 1, it should read "the State's plan to *pursue a region-wide...*". It was moved by Gaydos, supported by DeLorge, and carried to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2007 meeting with corrections. Motion Passed.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Update From Bay Metro Transit:

Stoner was not present, no update was received.

Public Comment on MDOT Amendments to BCATS 2006-08 & 2008-11 TIPs:

The public comment period was opened at 1:34 p.m. and Engelhardt explained the proposed MDOT amendments to the TIPs. Which include:

Add Project in 2008: **I-75 & US-10 ITS project**: Total Cost \$715,000

Add Project in 2009: **I-75, NB & SB over N. Branch of Kawkawlin Rv.**: Total Cost \$346,594

Cost Update in 2009: **M-25 Streetscaping** Original Cost \$983,000: Updated Cost: \$1,012,592

Cost Update in 2010: **M-13: over Kawkawlin River** Original Cost \$351,000 – UPDATED

COST - \$552,008

Move to 2011 from 2010 & Update Cost: **I-75 Bridges over Squaconning Creek** – Original Cost \$1,770,000 – UPDATED COST - \$1,876,180

Update Cost in 2011: **I-75: Saginaw County Line to Dutch Creek** – Original Cost \$19,000,000 – UPDATED COST - \$25,600,000

Richardson stated that the 2008-11 TIP has not been adopted by FHWA and would need to be amended. Engelhardt felt that the committee should still amend the 2008-11 TIP and when FHWA is accepting TIP amendments, BCATS can send the

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amends on to FHWA. Public comment period was closed at 1:37 p.m.

Vote on MDOT Amendments to BCATS 2006-08 & 2008-11 TIPs:

A motion was made by Lillo and supported by Fortune to amend the 2006-07-08 TIP and the 2008-09-10-11 TIP to include the MDOT projects. Motion Passed.

Public Comments on Bay County Road Commission TIP Amendment - 7 Mile Rd over Bradford Drain:

The public comment period was opened at 1:38 p.m. and Engelhardt explained the proposed Bay County Road Commission amendments to the TIPs. Lillo state that the project would not be funded as a safety grant as mention before, but would be funded as a High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) which requires only a 10% local match as opposed to the 20% local match under the safety grant. It was noted that HRRR funds are still federal funds and the project is required to be included in the TIP. Engelhardt noted that the project is a 2008 project, so it must be amended into both TIPs. Public comment was closed at 1:41 p.m.

Vote on Bay County Road Commission TIP Amendment - 7 Mile Rd over Bradford Drain:

A motion was made by Gaydos and supported by DeLorge to amend the 2006-07-08 TIP and the 2008-09-10-11 TIP to include the Road Commission projects. Motion Passed.

Henry Street Project Funding:

Engelhardt explained that the Henry St. project came in \$1.5 million under the engineer's estimate and that the funds allocated to the project were at a lump sum at 80% of the engineer's estimate. Discussion ensued. Richardson would contact Engelhardt with further information.

Consumer's Energy New Power Plant and potential impact of transportation system:

Majerczyk discussed the proposed expansion of the Consumer's Energy Karn-Weadock facility and it's impact on the transportation infrastructure, specifically in Essexville. Concern was directed towards the intersection of Pine St and Woodside Ave as the only existing route into the power plant. It was brought up that the Travel Demand Model could be used to identify the traffic patterns as a result of the increased traffic from the expansion.

BCATS Soft Match:

Engelhardt updated the committee on the soft match requirements which historically were met by the value of the traffic counts from the Bay Count Road Commission and the City of Bay City. Discussion ensued.

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2007 Asset Management Paser Ratings on Federal Aid Roads:

2007 asset management data collection is complete and has been sent on to MDOT. Bay City also complete data collection of the local roads rating data. Engelhardt stated that he was informed by Rick Lilly that the Asset Management project will continue next year for the federal aid eligible roads only. Gaydos added that of the Bay City local roads, 60% were rated at 4 or below.

BCATS Non-Motorized Plan and other ongoing Trail Efforts:

East Central Michigan Development & Planning Region is planning a trail summit for the Bay Region in Frankenmuth, possible on Nov. 1st. Engelhardt also discussed other current trail effort in the county including the University Center Trail connecting Delta College and SVSU, the Bay-Zilwaukee Trail, and a regional pathway study to connect Saginaw, Bay City, and Midland trail systems.

Christa McAuliffe middle school SR2S application update:

Christa McAuliffe Middle School SR2S Application has been submitted and they are waiting on approval of the application.

Noise Abatement Session Targeted for May 2008:

Engelhardt informed the committee that a session on Noise Abatement along highways will be held in May of 2008, focusing on ways to mitigate noise levels around the area freeways. Dave Geiger of MDOT will be organizing the sessions.

Project Updates:

The **Pine Road Project** will start on October 22nd with the west side storm drain and will be completed in 2008 with a break for the winter. Lillo stated that some residents have expressed concern that they didn't know the project was coming. The survey has been completed for the **7 Mile Road Project** with construction planned for 2008. The **Woodside Avenue Project** from Washington to Trumbull for mill and resurface is moving along and should be completed November 15, 2007, depending on weather. The **North Henry Street Project** was let September 28, 2007 with any engineer's estimate of \$6.75 million for the entire project. The winning bid of \$5.05 million was awarded to Kalin Construction. Construction will begin in the spring and will last the entire summer.

Other/New Business:

TIP information additions from Nick Perfili:

Engelhardt stated that he received a list of changes needed in the 2008-11 TIP from Nick Perfili to conform to FHWA requirement. The TIP has not yet been adopted by FHWA. A motion was made by Gaydos and supported by Richardson to make the necessary changes to the TIP to conform to the FHWA requirement. Motion Passed.

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Bay Region ITS Plan

Engelhardt informed the committee that the Bay Region ITS plan is available at the BCATS office for review.

Tri-County Chamber of Commerce

Engelhardt was contacted by a representative of the chambers of commerce for Bay City, Saginaw and Midland for general transportation information for Bay County, including the major transportation assets.

Phragmites Issue

Gaydos addressed the growing issue of Phragmites and how the species may expand to road drains causing drainage problems with the adjacent road. Discussed continued.

As there was no further business, the August 15, 2007 BCATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
BCATS Director

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